

Understanding the Times

Sociology Unit

Christianity (pp. 247-252)

1. What are the three God-ordained divisions of society?
2. How does Christian sociology attempt to understand society?
3. How do Christian sociologists view individuals in relation to social institutions?
4. According to the text, who “makes it clear that no aspect of society lies outside the realm of Christianity?”
5. Many Christian sociologists believe the condition of what two things can describe the condition of an entire society?
6. The church serves in what two societal roles?
7. According to Christianity, what charges are given to the family, the state, and the church?

Islam (pp. 253-258)

8. What are the three societal divisions for Islam?
9. What does the Qur'an say about men and women? (summary of section 6.2.3)
10. How many women can a Muslim man marry? What are the conditions?
11. What can a Muslim man have an unlimited number of?
12. How can unsubmitive Muslim women be treated?
13. Describe Muhammad as he relates to question number 10.
14. What is meant by “Muslim societies tend to be patriarchal?”
15. Generally, how is a Muslim woman's importance determined?
16. Describe Islam in relation to religion and government.

Secular Humanism (pp. 259-264)

17. What is the goal of secular humanist sociologists? How is this accomplished?
18. What societal tradition is particularly distrusted by secular humanists?
19. What is the epitome of social slavery?
20. Why is the family outdated?
21. What is the more humane economic system?
22. What part of the state do secular humanists target to establish their agenda?

Marxism-Leninism (265-270)

23. What is the logical outcome of Marxist social theory?
24. What determines how we relate to others?
25. What is insignificant in the face of societal forces?
26. How does Marxist sociology view free will? (give a complete answer)
27. What will vanish with the arrival of worldwide communism?
28. What role will education play in creating a society of communism?
29. What is the value of education?
30. Why do premarital sex and adultery lose meaning in Marxist sociology?
31. What happens when the care of children becomes a public affair?

Cosmic Humanism (271-273)

32. What are viewed as “useless in helping us achieve full enlightenment?”
33. What would Cosmic Humanists like to see the educational system encourage?
34. What hinders evolution to godhood?
35. When will meaningful change occur in society?
36. Why do individuals have the power to change society?

Postmodernism (pp. 275-281)

37. What is the relationship between religious views and church?
38. What is considered by many to be the greatest of all evils?
39. Define *sexual egalitarianism*. (Do not use the box on p. 276)
40. What does postmodern education teach?
41. Identify a big difference between Kinsey's day and ours.